

Number: PL-246

Date: October 27, 2000

From: Canadian Numbering Administration (CNA)

Subject: NPA 778 To Overlay NPA 604 (Southwestern British Columbia)

In Order CRTC 2000-786, dated 16 August 2000, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) approved a full services concentrated overlay of a new area code over part of the existing 604 NPA in southwestern British Columbia, Canada. North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) has assigned NPA code 778 for this purpose, and it will be in service as of November 3, 2001.

The concentrated overlay area served by the new 778 NPA consists of exchanges in and around the Greater Vancouver Regional District, as well as the Abbotsford and Mission exchanges. A map showing the areas to be served by the 604 and 778 NPAs and a list of the affected exchanges are attached.

In preparation for the introduction of the overlay, the transition to mandatory 10-digit dialing will begin no later than May 26, 2001 at 00:01 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). During the transition dialing period, subscribers in the 604 NPA may dial either 7- or 10-digits but are encouraged to dial 10-digits (NPA + NXX + XXXX) for all local and Extended Area Service calls. No later than May 26, 2001, all Canadian carriers operating in NPA 604 will introduce 10-digit dialing and an educational advisory announcement for calls dialed on a 7-digit basis. Carriers will maintain the announcement for calls dialed on a 7-digit basis until mandatory 10-digit dialing is introduced on November 3, 2001 at 00:01 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST).

After the beginning of mandatory 10-digit dialing on November 3, 2001, an announcement will be activated for 7-digit calls, informing the subscriber that 10-digit dialing is required. The dialing plan for the 604/778 concentrated overlay area and for the remainder of the 604 NPA will be as follows:

- All local calls and Extended Area Service calls within the 604 and 778 NPAs must be dialed with 10 digits; i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX.
- Alternately billed service calls within and between the 604/778 overlay area and the remainder of the 604 NPA must be dialed with 10 digits after the prefix digit(s).

All international and domestic carriers should ensure that the new 778 area code has been activated throughout their networks prior to May 26, 2001.

The Test Numbers of "778-510-TEST (8378)", "778-610-TEST (8378)" and "778 810-TEST (8378)" for the NPA 778 overlay will be made available for test purposes effective May 3, 2001. Test calls to verify routing to the new 778 NPA can be made by dialing one of these numbers. Calls successfully completed to a test number will receive respectively the following recorded announcements:

"You have successfully completed a call to the 778 Area Code test Number at Call-Net Communications in British Columbia, Canada."

"You have successfully completed a call to the 778 Area Code test Number at TELUS in British Columbia, Canada."

"You have successfully completed a call to the 778 Area Code Test Number at AT&T Canada in British Columbia, Canada".

The Test Numbers will be disconnected after December 3, 2001.

NXX codes within the 778 NPA may be assigned to service providers after May 3, 2001, however assigned codes cannot be activated prior to November 3, 2001.

General questions about this relief activity or CO Code Administration may be directed to Glenn Pilley or Suresh Khare, CNA, at 613-563-7242. Technical questions should be directed to the appropriate service provider.

Attachment 1

NPA 778 Concentrated Overlay Exchanges

Abbotsford	Ladner	Pitt Meadows	Whalley
Aldergrove	Langley	Port Coquitlam	White Rock
Bowen Island	Mission	Port Moody	Whonnock
Cloverdale	New Westminster	Richmond	
Fort Langley	Newton	Vancouver	
Haney	North Vancouver	West Vancouver	

Remaining NPA 604 Exchanges

Agassiz	Gibsons	Powell River	Westview
Black Point	Hemlock Valley	Rosedale	Whistler
Boston Bar	Hope	Sardis	Yale
Britannia Beach	Pemberton	Sechelt	Yarrow
Chilliwack	Pender Harbour	Squamish	
D Arcy	Port Mellon	Vananda	

Attachment 2 - NPA 604/778 Concentrated Overlay

